

My call to Visscher on July 23, 1966, Sat. in Hpls.

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D. I had a dft time getting Nangeroni on the phone, but did succeed. He is calling Mr. Javits' office either today or for sure on Monday. What did you learn?

V. Well, I learned that the NIH people are asking that we not try to have the Sen. version changed. Particularly, they are very anxious not to have the provision that Agric. will take the respons. for setting up standards for housing and care at this time, so it will take the heat off from other legisl. That's what it all boils down to, Clarence. And of course it means they hope that Javits will not introduce his bill. Now, I think we don't want him to anyway, because ~~strictly~~ <sup>clearly</sup> we don't want to have the pressures on Congress to get something done before they adjourn on Sept. 15/ Because we could not work on them properly.

Shannon called me yesterday. What he said was this. He said the Senate version ~~is~~ gives only a cease and desist order as the mechanism of enforcement on the research institutions. This would give HEW a great deal more chance to influence the outcome than if the House, which at the present time has no enforcement provisions whatever, were to go back to the sort of thing they had before, which was the mandatory revocation of all grants. Now I've been looking at the bills myself again. You have to agree with Shannon, that - well, he says, of course, what you said is right, that there is no point whatever in having the "other animals" in this picture. Then he said "You are also right that Sect. 15 gives the anti's a hunting license". But he said, "I think we had better live with that rather than take the risks that will go with having something rushed through Congress in the line of a new bill, by which he meant the Rogers - he said Rogers and Javits have been working together on this. Is that your information?

D. No. I didn't know that, but I would have suspected it, that Rogers was probably talking with him, but I didn't know they were working together.

V. Well, this is what he thinks, that Rogers and Javits are working together. Hill, he says, will not introduce the bill. That is the amalgamation bill. What he says is not very dft from what is likely to happen anyway, Clarence. That is, he says that the House comm. aside from Quie just abandoned the attempt to keep "other animals" out entirely. They abandoned it entirely. Poage didn't fight for it at all, and he said, unless Quie - and he says this would not be bad, he said, if Quie would say, "If you will eliminate that, I will go along with the rest", you see.

D. Section 15. Would Quie insist on that too, do you think?

V. Do you have the bill.

D. You mean Senate bill S.2322?

V. No. It's the Senate version of H.R.13881, but I can tell you what I have in mind. It is the one passed by the Senate. There are 2 HR 13831 bills, one the revised House bill, and the other is the real Senate bill.

D. I do not have that.

V. Let me tell you. Section 15 gives this hunting license authorizing regular law enforcement agents to search research facilities for reported lost or stolen animals. And as that is written, it would cover everything in the research facility, including our laboratories

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and operating rooms and so on. However, Section 17 has a restriction which may cover 15. Sect. 17 says, "that nothing herein shall authorize the Secretary of Agriculture (I haven't got the bill before me, this is just from memory) to carry on inspections or enforce standards while animals are under active experimentation". Now, maybe that Section 17 cancels out the part of the Section 15 that we worry about. I think we could get the Sec. of Agric. to interpret it that way. In other words, it perhaps isn't as bad as it might be.

In other words, they have been writing these things to satisfy both sides. They want to satisfy the anti's and they want to satisfy us. They've gone farther in satisfying the first than the second, there's no doubt about that.

D. Would Quie be willing to say that he wants Section 15 out and also the "other animals", and that after that he would stop arguing?

V. This is what I am going to ask him.

D. That seems like the reasonable course, doesn't it?

V. Yes. That is what I'm going to ask him.

D. Do you think he will do it?

V. Well, I'm sure that he will try it.

D. Do you think he will succeed?

V. No. I think that he may get written into the comm. report their intent that search shall not extend beyond storage facilities. I think he may get that written into the report, which would help with any administrative action. With regard to the other animals, I am just afraid that, unless Kingman can convince Cooley that Christine Stevens ~~was~~ was selling him a bill of goods, - I haven't talked with Kingman since I talked with you yesterday, at least I don't think so. He was going to see Cooley if he possibly could yesterday, and, if not, he is going to see him Monday (Today is Sat.). And the real problem is Cooley and Poage on this score. They must be seen again.

D. Who is good to see them who can get to them?

V. Well, I think from what <sup>Quie</sup> we said, Cooley did not receive from his office staff a piece of mail ~~that~~ was sent from our office by Kubichek and Kingman last week just after they had talked with Cooley. According to Quie, Cooley mentioned in the comm. mtg. that he had not received this statement. Well, Harry Kingman tells me that he has a letter in his office acknowledging receipt of the statement, which makes some of our people suspect that there may be a spy in his office who is keeping stuff away from him.

D. In other words, if you could get Kubichek or somebody to put this material in his hand.

V. This is what Kingman was doing yest. And to hand-carry it to him and tell him that Quie had indicated that he had not received it and had asked us to be sure to get it to him, and therefore we were hand-carrying it to him, and take the opportunity then to talk to him. That's what Harry has done, I presume, if he succeeded.

D. Was this a bit of info that would really be decisive?

V. ~~Oh, I don't know.~~ You see, what this was was our statement of exactly what we wanted to have done to the Senate bill to make it acceptable, and what the real number of "other animals" is, which would indicate the magnitude of the job they had, you see. Cooley was of the impression that rabbits, g.p.'s, hamsters, etc. were handled in small numbers and that this wasn't going to be a very expensive

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thing to control. Well, Quie pointed out to him that according to his information it was in the millions, and then Cooley said, "I was supposed to get that information from VSMR, and it was not sent to me". It was sent to him. We've got a letter acknowledging receipt of it in his office.

D. Would it be worth while in order to have proper defenses to get copies of that to Quie before the meeting of the Senate-House conference next Tuesday?

V. It's already gone to Quie. We've taken care of all of those things. I guess I did talk with Harry after I talked with you yest. I've talked to too many people, Clarence, to....

D. Did you find out what Stagers was up to?

V. No. I couldn't reach Barney, but I'm going to try on Monday morning again.

D. Thank you very much. I'm not a very influential person, but if there is anything I could do, I would, because I am close enough to run down by train. I don't know what luck I would have in doing anything with anybody except that I do know Hubert Humphrey, but I don't know what he would do.

V. He's not going to do a thing, Clarence. If there is anyone he ought to be doing it for, it would be Kubichek, who was his campaign manager in one of his election campaigns, and he has not been willing to bother himself with it.

D. Sounds like DeTakey.

V. Just the same. No, I'm very much disappointed in Hubert. He figures that he's done enough. Actually, he got himself into quite a bit of political dfoty with the Stevenses over what he did several years ago in withdrawing his name from one of those bills. He hasn't forgotten this.

We are going up to our lake place. I've your telephone number in my bag. I'm going to keep on the phone while I'm up there, so I'll be on top of it.

D. What is your number there:

V. ~~612x373x3322~~. That is Sullivan Lake, Minnesota. ~~277~~ 612 277 3471.

V. Oh, Clarence. Owen is back in town, and I talked with him this morning, and he says, "Yes, the publication is going in the October issue".

D. Wonderful. And thank you very much.